

WI-514
John T. Taylor, Jr. House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1884

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-514

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John T. Taylor, Jr. House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 307 Newton Street

not for publication

city, town Salisbury

vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Wayne Marshall

street and number 307 Newton Street

telephone

city, town Salisbury

state MD

zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 111, P. 143

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 1490

folio 380

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☒ **Contributing Resource in National Register District**
☒ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | |
|---|---|--|---|-----------------|
| | | | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 1 | buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | | sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | | structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | | objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | 1 | Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |

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7. Description

Condition

| | | |
|----------|-----------|--------------|
| | excellent | deteriorated |
| <u>x</u> | good | ruins |
| | fair | altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John T. Taylor, Jr. house stands at 307 Newton Street in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story asymmetrically planned frame house faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1884, the two-story, ell-shaped frame house is supported on a continuous, stuccoed brick foundation and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Standing next door at 305 Newton Street is a second house built on the same plan.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay facade with a gable-front leg of the ell-plan facing the street. The gable end wall is pierced by a pair of four-over-four sash windows on the first floor and a pair of two-over-two sash windows on the second floor. The windows are framed by plain surrounds. The top of the second story is marked by a heavy cornice, which separates the second floor from the gable end. The gable is pierced by a single one-over-one sash window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave. The roofline of the forward facing leg extends westward in a continuous slope to cover a single story turned post porch distinguished by an unusual grilled lattice. Fixed in the center of the long sloping roof is an eyebrow window fitted with three panes. The porch shelters two entrances and a four-over-four sash window that lights the front parlor. A small two-over-two sash window pierces the street side facade of the porch. Rising through the center of the front ell is a brick stove chimney.

The west gable end of the cross wing is defined by pairs of two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors, and a single one-over-one sash window pierces the gable end. Rising through the center of the rear cross wing is an interior brick stove chimney. The east side of the house is detailed in much the same fashion with two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second stories. An extended eave finishes the edge of the roof.

The interior was not seen.

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8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1600-1699 | agriculture | economics | health/medicine | performing arts |
| 1700-1799 | archeology | education | industry | philosophy |
| <u>x</u> 1800-1899 | <u>x</u> architecture | engineering | invention | politics/government |
| 1900-1999 | art | entertainment/ recreation | landscape architecture | religion |
| 2000- | commerce | ethnic heritage | law | science |
| | communications | exploration/ settlement | literature | social history |
| | community planning | | maritime history | transportation |
| | conservation | | military | other: |
| Significance dates | | Architect | | |
| Specific dates | | Builder | | |

Evaluation for:

National Register

 Maryland Register

x not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 6/129, 5 January 1884.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 468/101, 22 February 1959.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

1/4 acre

Quadrangle name

Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary of this property is coincidental with the current metes and bounds of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title

Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization

Private Consultant

street & number

P. O. Box 5

date 9/27/00

city or town

Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
410-514-7600

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John T. Taylor, Jr. House
307 Newton Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 143

1490/380 Tarr's Rentals, Inc.

to

5/30/1996 John Wayne Marshall
29.75' on Newton, 227.5' depth

AJS 984/786 Martha E. Stephens

to

2/9/1983 Tarr's Rentals, Inc.

JWTS 546/451 Fred W. Small
Evelyn M. Small

to

7/3/1962 Cletius Stephens
Martha E. Stephens

JWTS 489/356 John B. Parsons-Salisbury Home for the Aged

to

12/3/1959 Fred W. Small
Evelyn M. Small

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Chain of title continued

JWTS 468/101

Sarah Virginia Taylor, et al. (Sina Taylor Dickerson)

to

2/22/1959

John B. Parsons-Salisbury Home for the Aged

JWS 261/220

James T. Taylor, et al. (Irene T. Bulger, Sarah Taylor Larrick,
John Thomas Taylor III, Lola Sands Taylor)

to

6/15/1944

Sarah Virginia Taylor
Sina Taylor Dickerson

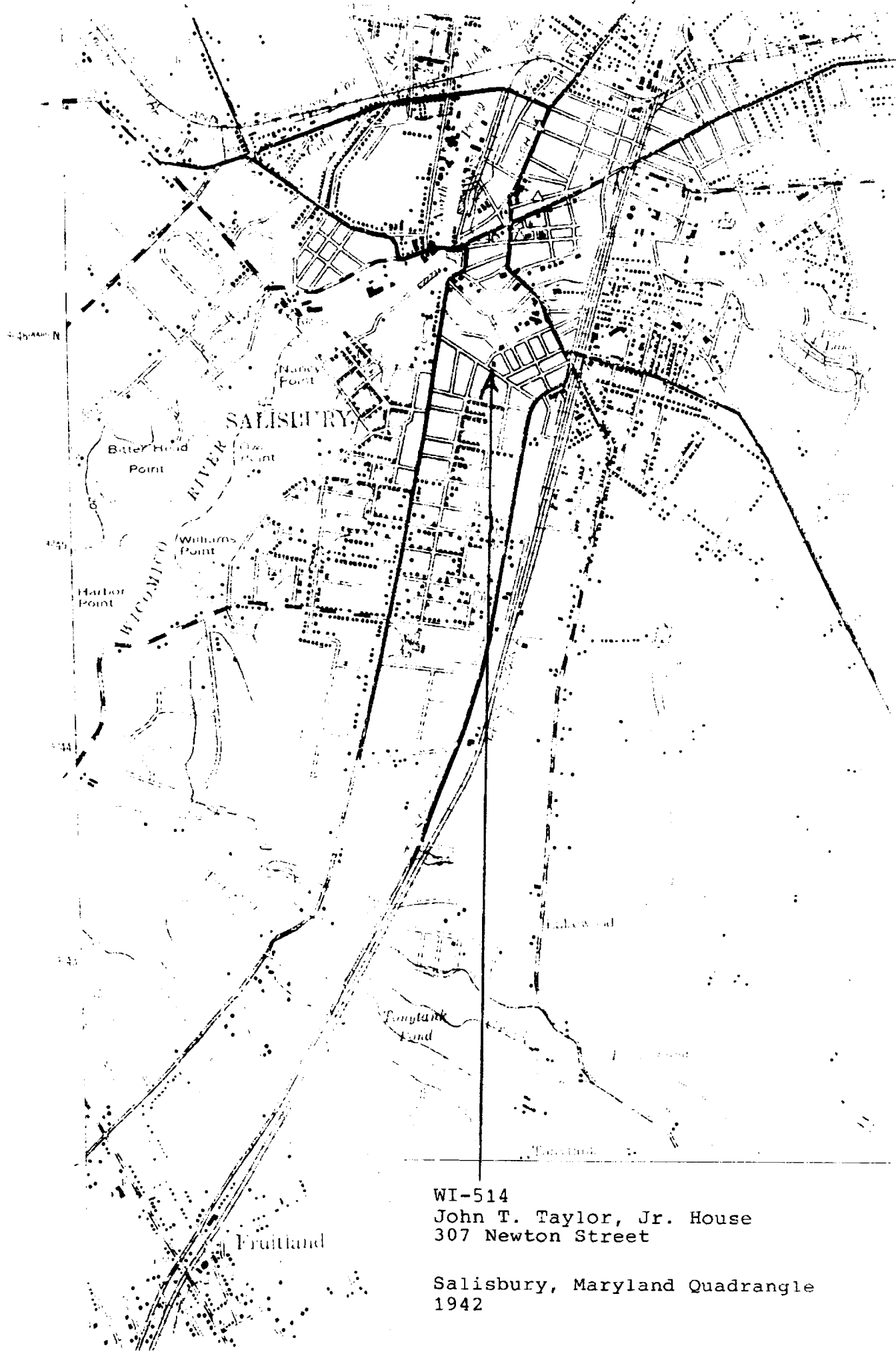
SPT 6/129

Henry S. Brewington, et al. (Edwina C. Brewington, Levin W.
Dorman and Alice Dorman)

to

1/5/1884

John T. Taylor, Jr.
\$124.00 ...being one half of the lot formerly purchased by
Brewington and Dorman of Elihu E. Jackson, and
Granville R. Rider, Executor of William H. Rider,
deceased and John H. White



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John T. Taylor, Jr. House
307 Newton Street

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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John T. Fagan, Jr. House

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